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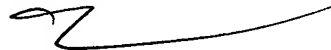
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	BA	EP 0 505 981 B1	24.03.1992	Europe				
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OTHER ART

	CA	Knauer, William, "Fixturing for Low-Current/Low-Voltage Parametric Testing," <i>Evaluation Engineering</i> , pp. 150-153, November 1990
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